

## THE STATE WILL RESIST

Attempt to Collect War Tax by Stamps on Official Bonds.

### REVENUE AGENT LOOKING THE MATTER UP

Statement Concerning the Appointment of a Senate Porter—Officials of the Confederate Home.

Austin, Texas, January 31.—An agent of the internal revenue department called upon Secretary of State Hardy today with a request for permission to examine the papers in his office, presumably for the purpose of ascertaining whether the official bonds on file with him are ornamented with war tax stamps. The gentleman was asked to return tomorrow for an answer. In the meantime Mr. Hardy inquired of the attorney general if it was proper for him to permit the aforesaid revenue agent to pursue the investigations he proposes to make and received an affirmative reply. In advance it may be stated that he will find no stamps on the document he is supposed to be desirous of looking at and further that Attorney General Smith will resist any attempt that may be made to enforce the collection of a tax thereon.

Mr. A. C. Thwaitt, chief clerk in the State Insurance department, submitted his official bond to the attorney general this morning with the inquiry as to whether it was necessary that he comply with the ruling of the United States internal revenue department and affix a revenue stamp thereto. Mr. Smith replied that he would adhere to Mr. Crane's ruling in the matter and advised Mr. Thwaitt to refuse to stamp his bond, which advice will be followed.

### AS TO AN APPOINTMENT.

In a recent special dispatch from Lockhart to The Houston Post, it was expressed as to Lieutenant Governor Browning appointing Frank Kelly (colored) of Caldwell as a porter in the senate, and charged that Kelly had supported and worked for the populist nominees. In justification of his action Governor Browning submits the following documentary evidence now in his possession.

"Lockhart, Texas, December 3.—We, the undersigned citizens of Caldwell county, who are democrats and whose names are hereto attached, do hereby certify that Frank Kelly, colored, of Caldwell county, who was well acquainted with the Hon. J. D. Sayers and J. N. Browning, did advise and prevail with at least 50 colored voters of Caldwell county to participate in the democratic primaries and support Hon. J. D. Sayers for governor and Hon. J. N. Browning for lieutenant governor and also other prominent democratic candidates, and that he did so at the last general election, held November 8, 1898, labor and work with all his power and energy for the success of the whole democratic ticket.

"We furthermore certify that his services and work to the democratic party can not be too highly appreciated and entitles him to any position that the democratic party can give him, and that we respectfully ask that he be appointed as porter of the senate.

(Signed.) J. M. Jolly, Sr., W. P. McDowell, county clerk, James G. Burleson, J. M. Massey, ex-collector, W. D. French, ex-county treasurer, B. G. Collier, county treasurer, W. K. Baylor, county attorney, G. W. Mills, justice of the peace precinct No. 1, M. C. Jeffers, J. D. Parker, R. W. Wilson, editor, E. E. McLean, tax assessor, George W. Keyser, county judge, A. B. Storey, W. B. Walker, C. T. Greenwood, S. M. Nixon, chairman of county Democratic executive committee, Mr. Nixon adds after his name and title the following: "Frank Kelly worked for the whole ticket so far as I know, except in one case on the county ticket."

"Governor L. J. Storey, Austin, Texas. "Office of S. M. Nixon, Luling, Texas, December 6, 1898.—Dear Sir: I write you this short letter in behalf of Frank Kelly, who wants a position in the senate as porter. I would be very much pleased if you would interest yourself in his behalf and secure him the place if possible.

"Frank Kelly is a valuable service, not only in the primaries, but also in the general election, working faithfully and efficiently for nearly the entire democratic ticket in the election. In the general election he did splendid work for Governor Sayers, Burleson and Browning especially. As you know your self Frank is a man of great influence in our county and he has done up such valuable service in the past, and we think he will be with us in the future, would like very much to see him encouraged. Trusting that you will do your best for him in this matter, I remain yours to command."

(Signed.) "S. M. Nixon. "Chairman Democratic Executive Committee Caldwell County."

"Respectfully referred to Hon. J. N. Browning, lieutenant governor-elect, with petition of people and county officers." (Signed.) "L. J. Storey."

"Austin, Texas, December 13, 1898.—My Dear Sir: I am not certain whether I replied to your letter enclosing that petition for Kelly or not, as I have been so completely occupied recently that I have been compelled to delay my replies to many personal letters. If I have not done so before, I wish to say that I forward to you my letter to me. Coming as it does from the official head of the party in your county it ought to be granted. When I hear from Browning I will write you. Kelly had better be here in time anyway. Respectfully,

(Signed.) "L. J. Storey."

"Hon. Joe Dibrell, Seguin, Texas. "Luling, Texas, January 3, 1899.—Dear Sir: Please allow me to write a few lines in behalf of Frank Kelly, who desires a position as porter in the State senate. Should Frank be appointed to a position I can assure you he will be efficiently and creditably filled. Frank is a man of considerable influence in our county affairs, and I, as chairman of the county democratic executive committee, have had occasion to know that he did the ticket a great deal of good in the past election, working very hard for the entire democratic ticket, and I have every reason to believe that he will be with us in the future. I shall regard it as a personal favor if you will do all you can for Frank in this matter and I shall avail myself of the opportunity to serve your interests in any way I can. Thanking you in advance, I am, yours respectfully,

(Signed.) "S. M. Nixon."

"Chairman Democratic Executive Committee Caldwell County."

"Frank Kelly, Prairie Lea, Texas. "Seguin, Texas, December 22, 1898.—My Dear Sir: In reply to your favor of December 19, beg to say I will do all I

can for you when I go to Austin to assist you to secure a position in the senate. Yours very truly, (Signed.) "J. B. Dibrell."

### MORE FAIRY TALES.

Hon. Jefferson Johnson, commissioner of insurance, statistics and history, stated today that the authors of the various reports appearing in some of the papers for several days past, to the effect that his chief clerk had, while in the East recently, unearthed alleged falsifications of reports on the part of certain insurance companies, were long on imagination and short on information and that said reports were fairy tales of the most vivid pattern.

### CONFEDERATE HOME OFFICIALS.

At a meeting of the board of managers of the Confederate home, held today, R. Y. King of Bell county was elected superintendent. Dr. Hill of Webberville physician and J. B. Rogers of this city chairman of the board. The election of quartermaster, matron and other officers was deferred until the next regular meeting.

### TRANSFER AGENTS APPOINTED.

Superintendent of Penitentiaries Rice today announced the appointment of the following penitentiary transfer agents: John T. Lott, chief of Penitentiary, J. W. Moore of Wise county, Henry Lisk of Parker county and Springer Davis of Frio county.

### B. H. SMITH DEAD.

B. H. Smith, for many years a prominent merchant of this city, died at the State lunatic asylum this morning, where he was placed about a month ago owing to a sudden weakening of his mind.

### W. W. HORNSBY DEAD.

W. W. Hornsby, grandfather of County Clerk Hornsby and a resident of Travis county, died at his home in Hornsby's Bend this morning at the age of 81.

## WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS

### NORTHER PREDICTED FOR HERE, THOUGH A LITTLE LATE.

Continuous Bad Weather is Beginning to Affect the Wheat—The Changes are Numerous.

Galveston, Texas, January 31.—That chunk of Arctic atmosphere which has been penned up in the mountains for two days made its escape last night, and "hit the grid" for Texas. As a consequence of its arrival people who yesterday abused the United States weather bureau officials went up to the third story of the Levy building today to offer contrite apologies for their hasty remarks and promising that the offense shall not occur again.

The indications are that Texas will be in the grip of the coldest norther by tomorrow that has blown this way in many a day. The weather for more than a week has been intensely cold throughout the North, and the cold wave was expected to reach South sooner than it did. It is coming now, though, good and hard and Galvestonians will tomorrow feel the pinch of real winter. The coldest spell heretofore this season was on December 10, when the temperature went to 28 degrees. On December 9 Dr. Cline issued his temperature predictions, which was 23 degrees in this city and 18 degrees on the mainland. The thermometer only went as low as 28 here. Dr. Cline's forecast issued at 10 o'clock today is as follows:

"Tonight and Wednesday: Fair, much colder; hard freeze indicated with temperature 18 degrees 50 to 100 miles from Galveston and 24 degrees at Galveston Wednesday morning. Brisk to high northerly winds."

The zero line is fully 50 miles further south today than it was on December 5, and runs through Cairo, Ill., Oklahoma, south of Amarillo and on to the westward. At Dodge City the mercury is 6 below zero, 2 at Kansas City and 2 below at St. Louis. At Amarillo the Texans are wrestling with a temperature of 2 degrees below zero, while at Abilene it is 8 above, Palestine 22, San Antonio 28, Corpus Christi 42 and Galveston 25. To verify the prediction of Dr. Cline the temperature must fall 28 degrees here by Wednesday morning. It has been growing colder rapidly all day.

The coast country farmers have thousands of dollars worth of vegetables in the ground at this time, and at some places strawberries are in bloom. The farmers have had ample warning and will be able to protect themselves from the freeze that is sure to come tonight. Beeville, Bee County, Texas, January 31.—Very sudden and exceedingly extreme changes have characterized the weather in this part of the State for the past few days. A cold norther came up with the rain last Thursday night, but by Saturday the wind had changed to the south and the weather was quite warm. Sunday morning another cold norther blew up and plenty of ice was noticeable. Yesterday, however, the weather moderated and everything had the appearance of spring time. This morning the coldest spell of the season, which will cause suffering and loss among stock, since the last few days preceding the cold wave were warm and pleasant, thereby making the change very sudden and severe.

Winchester, Fayette County, Texas, January 31.—A light norther struck this city last night about 9 o'clock, but developed into an old fashioned blizzard this morning, with the mercury down to 25 degrees and falling rapidly. There is very little snowing done in this community on account of too much rain. All black land too wet to plow well yet. Early gardens were looking well, but we think this spell will just about do them up.

Calvert, Robinson County, Texas, January 31.—Late yesterday evening a strong wind blew up from the north, and increased in violence throughout the night. This morning is very cold, in fact it is considered by some the coldest spell of the season. It will cause suffering and loss among stock, since the last few days preceding the cold wave were warm and pleasant, thereby making the change very sudden and severe.

Waimar, Colorado County, Texas, January 31.—Cold wave from the north struck this section in good earnest about 1 o'clock this morning and wherever on the surface there was water it is now ice. Everything is frozen tight, and stock, like the negro's fish, looks "awful up." Rain has been abundant and everybody feels safe for early stands of corn and all garden truck.

Cameron, Milam County, Texas, January 31.—The coldest blizzard of the season struck Cameron yesterday afternoon at 7:15 and today is one of the coldest days this winter, the thermometer registering 15 exposed. All out-door work is at a standstill, it is cloudy and threatening snow, but many think it too cold for a snow.

Temple, Bell County, Texas, January 31.—January goes out this year with one of the most pleasant and comfortable weather of the season. The change from a mild and warm

evening late yesterday evening to this howling and freezing cold spell has been the most radical in the history of this section. Fountains of water and steam pipes have frozen and the loss is heavy. Much damage has resulted.

Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, January 31.—A strong northwesterly wind with the velocity of a hurricane struck this section last night and as a consequence today has been the coldest this winter. The weather bulletin calls for a falling of thermometer to about 20 degrees by tomorrow morning with probability of sleet or snow.

Wharton, Wharton County, Texas, January 31.—Another cold spell with heavy north wind came to this section yesterday. The effect will be closely watched upon the all-absorbing question of boll weevil. The Post correspondent is making a general canvass of the county as to the existence and thrift of the pest in this immediate section.

Troy, Bell County, Texas, January 31.—Up to 5 o'clock yesterday the weather was nice and warm, but a norther began at the time above stated and increased in cold, and this morning the thermometer is but 15 above zero; everything is frozen stiff, with a hard wind; this is decidedly the coldest of the season.

Willis, Montgomery County, Texas, January 31.—The norther as predicted in yesterday's papers by Dr. Cline, though twenty-four hours late, upon us today with all its fury. The temperature has fallen continuously since about 3 a. m., which promises this the coldest spell of the season.

Denton, Denton County, Texas, January 31.—The coldest blizzard that has swept over North Texas this winter came up last night and the mercury has been far below the freezing point all of today. Some snow fell this morning. It is feared that the freeze will injure wheat and cattle will suffer.

Muldoon, Fayette County, Texas, January 31.—The last few days have been cold, but the coldest norther of the winter blew up last night, and it is still blowing at this writing. It is cloudy and has the appearance of sleet or snow. If it continues long many cattle will die.

Hearne, Robertson County, Texas, January 31.—Last night a cold norther blew up from the north and continued throughout the night, the temperature getting colder as the night advanced. This morning the weather is very cold and everything is frozen.

Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas, January 31.—The norther predicted by The Post arrived in full force last night, and this morning it is bitter cold, water freezing in few moments when exposed to the sweeping gale. No rain and no prospect for it.

Sherman, Grayson County, Texas, January 31.—Last night was the coldest this winter; a severe blizzard, intermingled with rain, prevailed. The cold was calm, but cold. Unprotected stock suffered much last night.

Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, January 31.—The coldest blizzard of the winter blew up last night and it has been intense with all day. To cold weather caught forty wagons here from Madison county.

Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas, January 31.—The wind freshened up from the north last night and grew colder all night, producing the hardest freeze of the winter. It began snowing at 10 o'clock this morning.

Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, January 31.—Wheat in the country is looking better and growing colder all night. Northern has followed norther in quick succession the past two weeks.

Denton, Grayson County, January 31.—A fierce blizzard and snow storm swept this section last night. The cold weather is a great many years is being experienced.

Kaufman, Kaufman County, Texas, January 31.—The coldest norther of the season blew up last night and the ground is covered with all day. To cold weather caught forty wagons here from Madison county.

Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas, January 31.—Coldest blizzard of the winter. Temperature only 19 degrees above zero; some cattle will freeze to death.

Fert Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, January 31.—A cold norther came up last night and it is still snowing. The thermometer registered 12 above zero.

Rosanky, Bastrop County, Texas, January 31.—A very cold norther came up last night. Plenty of ice this morning and it is still snowing.

Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, January 31.—The coldest spell of the season reached this section during last night and a light snow has been falling all day.

Groesbeck, Limestone County, Texas, January 31.—A cold norther came up last night, though too cold to snow much. The north wind is very cutting.

Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas, January 31.—The predicted norther came in on time. It has been freezing all morning.

### A WOMAN ASSAULTED.

The Negro Is in Jail and Has Been Identified.

Bonham, Texas, January 31.—Last night just after dark Mrs. L. Brown was assaulted by a negro male, who was returning to her home one block from the square. As she passed an alley between her house and E. T. Kennedy & Co.'s store the negro seized her by the throat. She screamed and made a vigorous resistance. As she was struggling in his grasp she stumbled over a pile of lumber and fell. The negro then threw her to the ground and held her by the throat. Her screams brought help and the negro ran. As soon as she could talk she told of the affair and described the negro. The police arrested a negro and are now holding him. When carried before her she was sure he was the man. He is in jail.

### Hearne Items.

Hearne, Texas, January 31.—Miss Marie Shields returned to her home in Bryan yesterday afternoon after a pleasant visit to her sister.

Morris Cohen is in the city visiting home folks.

Messrs. R. L. Duncan and J. R. Collier of Austin are in town today.

H. L. Dailey returned last night from Paris.

J. R. Astin of Bryan is in Hearne this morning.

George M. Anderson left yesterday on a business trip to Houston.

Mrs. Phil Myers and children of Palestine are visiting in the city, guests of S. Katzenstein and lady.

Miss Cecil Russell of Orange is visiting here.

Messrs. Garret, Parish and Fuller of Calvert passed through Hearne yesterday afternoon en route to Palestine.

Sunday Law Enforced at Denton. Denton, Texas, January 30.—For the first time in a great many years the Sunday law is strictly enforced. Sheriff Shreveberry and deputies were here all yesterday, watching saloons. The gambling resorts are closed and prominent sports are leaving the city. The sheriff seems determined to stamp out gambling.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

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## ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS

Gillaspie Test Case Will Be Watched by Officials All Over the State.

### A FINE OUTLOOK FOR A BANANA TRADE

With Towns in Kansas Territory—Steamship from Cuba Is in Quarantine—K. of P. Installation.

Galveston, Texas, January 31.—A difference of opinion seems to prevail between Former District Attorney Gillaspie and Attorney General Smith in regard to his alleged violation of the fee law. It is evidently the intention of Mr. Gillaspie to test the constitutionality of the law by means of a civil suit, while it seems to be the purpose of the attorney general to test it by means of a criminal prosecution, there being a penalty of \$25 a day for failure of an officer to keep books as required by the fee law. County and district officers all over the State are watching this case with keen interest, and are anxious for a test case to be made. They all feel confident the law will be knocked out.

### PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Oleander lodge No. 133, Knights of Pythias, gave a public installation of officers last night at Castle hall. Following the installation ceremony an entertainment was given to the relatives and friends of the knights and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the large number of people present. Deputy Grand Chancellor Commander J. H. Fricke officiated as installing officer.

The programme rendered follows: Address.....J. H. Hawley Installation.....Fred Glaser Trio—Two mandolins and guitar.....Misses Katie McKay, Ella Sullivan and Nettie McKay.

Install V. G.....John H. Johnson Installation.....R. G. James Vocal solo (selected).....Miss Daisy Thompson

Install M. of P.....George Garbler Install K. R. and S.....D. H. Wilson Install M. of E.....Charles A. Schneider Violin duo—"Greeting".....Junge Hugo-Hanschke and C. H. Sommer.

Install M. at A.....Louis Besko Install I. G.....F. C. Hayman Install O. of E.....J. H. Fricke Recitation—"Comie".....Selected Vocal solo—"I Want My Lou".....Agullo F. Young.

### THE BANANA TRADE.

A. S. Grant, a wholesale grocer and jobber of Wichita, Kan., was here yesterday to see about making arrangements with the Eureka Banana and Development company for supplies of bananas. Wichita uses about two carloads per week of bananas on an average all the year round. Heretofore the purchases have been made in New Orleans. There is a difference in freight rates of 21 cents per 100 pounds between Galveston and New Orleans in favor of Galveston, and the opportunity for the building up of a large trade in bananas between Galveston and the Kansas territory is very good. C. H. Schuler, who is very good, is looking for a partner between Galveston and New Orleans in favor of Galveston, and the opportunity for the building up of a large trade in bananas between Galveston and the Kansas territory is very good.

Mr. Grant found to Galveston was that all the bananas received here are of one kind, whereas a variety is preferable. Mr. Grant left last night for Houston to visit his brother-in-law, Mr. L. C. Luckel, of the real estate firm of Cash & Luckel. He will remain in South Texas a week or so. He intends to put in some time in and about Alvin making arrangements for the shipment of early fruits and vegetables from that part of the coast country to Wichita.

### STEAMSHIP QUARANTINED.

The British steamship Governor, Captain Walton in command, arrived here today from Cienfuegos, Cuba, an infected port. An official telegram from the collector at Cienfuegos to Collector Lee Sunday stated that a sailor aboard the Governor had died of yellow fever, and for several days the vessel was detained at quarantine.

Dr. Mayfield, the State's accommodating quarantine officer, was called up this afternoon by a telegram from New York City. He held the Governor in quarantine. "You will have to wait and see," came back the reply.

"I suppose you will do in her until all the cold weather has disappeared," suggested the reporter.

"I will hold her until I get ready to turn her loose," was the answer.

The cold weather will greatly assist in killing any germs that may have been brought over, and if there is a hard freeze tonight it is probable that the Governor may be released real soon.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Tremont—D. Blaine, Toronto; R. B. Baer, Houston; R. S. Arcularius, Maryland; New York; T. E. Moodie, city; G. H. Koppere, Texas; H. G. Dyer, Boston; J. E. Constanedo, Boston; Charles H. Patterson, St. Louis; New York; W. A. Morey, Chicago; W. E. Clay, Pierce, Texas; C. P. Stevens and daughter, Chicago; J. E. Sayer, St. Louis; Victor C. Moore and wife, Austin; Robert Weiss, Budapest, Hungary; M. Von Delder, Germany; M. E. McQuernoy, Houston.

Unknown Suicided at Waco. Waco, Texas, January 31.—An unknown man committed suicide in Grand avenue here today at 12 o'clock by shooting himself in the head with a derringer. Every effort to identify him has failed. There was nothing on his person to indicate his name except the letters "M. M." on his shirt front. He was a tall, thin, about 25 years old, black mustache, had a full set of false teeth, feet small and toes slightly deformed, well dressed and wore black sack coat and vest made by Henry Morgan & Co., Montreal.

It was learned tonight that the stranger who shot himself is Arch McMillan, representing the Southwest Publishing company of Boston, Mass. His father, August McMillan, lives in Charlottesville, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He took out naturalization papers last October in Boston as a helper. He has been in Mar. Tex. two months, and upon receipt of \$30 from his sister, Isabelle McMillan of Charlottesville, yesterday, he paid his hotel bill and left for Waco. He purchased a pistol with which he took his life in this city this morning.

Burglary at San Diego. San Diego, Texas, January 30.—The general merchandise store of A. Rosales was burglarized last night, and about \$150 or \$200 worth of goods taken. No clue to the robbers.

### LOCAL NOTES.

City Treasurer Simonton has funds on hand to pay registered general scrip up to and including registered No. 1185 and registered No. 1186.

# AN OLD MAN'S JOY



Whatever happiness comes with health in youth, it is doubly precious in old age. It is a great joy to feel warm blood in your veins, elastic muscles, vigorous nerves and vital strength; to be free from back pains, hip pains, weakness of kidneys and those other serious indications of the wearing out of nature's vitality. It is joy to have a clear brain, active mind and memory, confidence in your own ability and ambition to hold your place in the world.

## It is Vital Electricity!

Electricity is behind all vitality, and that is what makes so many old men seem so young. They are full of electricity, and when they begin to fail it is because they are beginning to wear out their natural Electric force. It must be replenished. It can be.

A Well Known Physician Says—"I desire to say that the Belt I procured for a patient of mine in this city is giving perfect satisfaction. My patient says that he would not take \$100.00 for the Belt if he could not procure another one. I am more than pleased with your Belt." DR. S. A. MICHIE, Kaufman, Texas.

## Read the Book, "Three Classes of Men"

This little book is full of those things which a man likes to read. It tells facts and proves them. It proves that old men can be made to feel young again, to regain all the old vim and ambition. It shows how men can have restored the strength of youth. It is free. Call or send for it today, now.

DR. M. A. McLAUGHLIN, Manager SANDEN ELECTRIC CO., 285 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

## QUEEN CITY OF NECHES.

Notes Given to Secure the K. C., P. and G. Are Due.

### INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT A BILL.

The Agent for the Pee Gee Has Been Changed—A Reception by the Ladies' Guild—Notes.

Beaumont, Texas, January 31.—The notes which citizens executed three years ago to secure the \$20,000 bonus given the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad will fall due tomorrow and they will doubtless be presented for collection. To secure the main line of the Pee Gee Beaumont gave a bonus of \$35,000 in addition to terminal ground and right of way through the city. Of this bonus the three saw mills paid \$15,000, which fell due immediately upon completion of the road. This has been paid. The other \$20,000 was made up by public subscription, citizens executing notes which were due in three years, or on February 1, 1899. Contributors to the bonus largely consisted of men who have been directly benefited by construction and operation of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf, and they will doubtless meet their obligation cheerfully.

### WANT INFORMATION.

Several letters have been written to Austin today asking for information regarding the condemnation bill, which Senator Geo. C. Greer has succeeded in passing through the senate. It is believed here that the bill will become a law, will work a hardship on people who own property which a corporation might desire to condemn and they want light. The people of Beaumont and Jefferson county in recent years have had considerable experience with condemnation suits. They believe that construction of railroads, canals, etc., should be encouraged, but they are doubtful of the justice of a law which would authorize a corporation to take possession of an individual's property before it obtained title thereto. It is reported here that the law was framed with the special view of applying to certain conditions in this city and section, but if such is the fact it can not be learned that said conditions are designated in the bill.

### CHANGE OF AGENTS.

W. B. Tarratt has resigned as agent of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad in this city and Mr. J. B. Bucklin, his chief clerk, has been promoted to the position of agent. Mr. Tarratt has been agent for the Pee Gee in this city for a year or more and has made many friends among those who had business with the road. He goes to Minneapolis, Minn., and carries with him the best wishes of this community for success in his new home. Mr. Bucklin, the new agent, has been a resident of Beaumont for more than two years. He acted as agent for the Pee Gee during Mr. Tarratt's absence the past summer and conducted the business satisfactorily. He is thoroughly efficient, accommodating and in congratulating him on his deserved promotion his employers can also be congratulated upon obtaining his services.

### CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

The city school board met in executive session yesterday afternoon to consider the resignation which had been tendered by Miss Clara Bartholomew, principal of the South End public schools. Proceedings of the executive meeting were not made public, but it is learned that there has been some misunderstanding between a teacher and the principal. The board did not act on the resignation and members are of the opinion that harmony has been restored.

### A RECEPTION.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church will give a reception at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Keith, corner of Pearl and Forsythe streets, Friday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the church. The ladies have arranged a most elaborate programme for entertaining guests and will dispense refreshments. The reception promises to be one of those pleasant affairs for which the Ladies' Guild have become noted, and the attendance will doubtless be large.

### NEW LOGGING FIRM.

The business of Scale & Carroll, log operators at Pickering, La., has been purchased by the Vernon Tram company, limited, which has been recently organized with an authorized capital of \$40,000. Officers of the company are Joe E. Carroll, president; John C. Ward, vice president; and O. P. Corley, secretary. Messrs. Carroll and Ward are both Beaumonters.

## DR. M. A. McLAUGHLIN, 285 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

intered street and bridge up to and including No. 945.

The Beaumont Lumber company is using two tram locomotives in dredging out the boom at the foot of the levee way to the mill. The boom had become filled with bark and refuse from the mill.

The Dixie Social club will hold its regular meeting in the office of the Beaumont Gulf and Realty company Thursday night. Business pertaining to the german to be given next month will be transacted and members should be present.

### No New Cases at Bryan.

Bryan, Texas, January 31.—